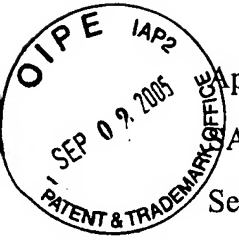


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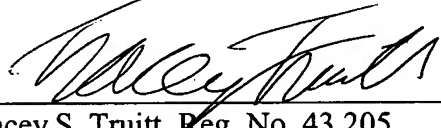
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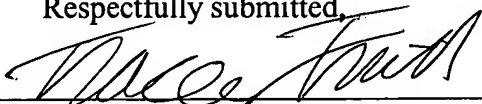
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Applicant, through his attorney, hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to accord the present application the benefit of prior-filed applications. The present application was filed on November 26, 2003, as a divisional application of application serial no. 10/141,377, filed May 7, 2002, which is a divisional application of application serial no. 09/664,704, filed September 19, 2000. However, such a request for the benefit of priority failed to further note that application serial no. 09/664,704 was a continuation application of PCT/CA99/00236, filed on March 19, 1999, which further claimed priority to application serial no. 60/078,780, filed March 19, 1998. The present application further incorporated each of these prior-filed applications in their entirety. Fortunately, application serial no. 09/664,704 contained the correct claim for priority. Because this previously-filed application

was incorporated by reference, Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be amended to claim and receive the benefit of PCT/CA99/00236 and application serial no. 60/078,780. In the event this petition is granted, the Patent Office is authorized to withdraw the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(f) from Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

In the alternative, if the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 is not granted, Applicant hereby petitions to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 120. Specifically, Applicant requests that the present application receive the benefit of PCT/CA99/00236, filed on March 19, 1999, which further claimed priority to application serial no. 60/078,780, filed March 19, 1998. It is noted that the present application has already claimed the benefit of application serial no. 10/141,377 and application serial no. 09/664,704. The specification as amended now correctly claims the benefit of the prior-filed applications. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional, and Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claim for priority. In the event that the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 is denied, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) from Deposit Account No. 19-0522

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